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**THE DRAWINGS**

Please find enclosed a set of drawings corresponding to Figures 1-6, marked thereon to include the descriptive labels with the boxes depicted therein.

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-25 as amended remain in the case.

With respect to the specification, the Examiner has commented that the Abstract requires revision so that it is in narrative form and does not exceed approximately 150 words in length. Applicants have amended the Abstract and believe that it is now in conformity with the Examiner's comments. The Examiner is directed to the emboldened statement that appears below the title "Abstract" which is merely a repetition of the title of the application. Applicants trust that retention of the title in this position is acceptable and that it is the text appearing after the title that is the subject of the Examiner's objection.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings because of the absence of labelling in the Figures for each of the "black boxes". Applicants have prepared drawings which are believed to remedy this informality and enclose a copy of the same for the Examiner's consideration. While the enclosed drawings are not merely mark-ups of the originally presented drawings, they should nonetheless convey to the Examiner the intention of the revisions. In fact, the enclosed drawings are themselves in final formal condition, and if considered acceptable, could finally satisfy the drawings requirement. Favorable consideration and approval of the attached drawings is accordingly requested.

The Examiner has commented with regard to certain objections to the claims and, in particular, has requested that the term "characterized" be replaced by the term -- comprising --. The claims have been amended in this manner and are now believed to be compliant with the Examiner's objections. Accordingly, such objections are believed to be overcome and withdrawal thereof is requested.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-25 under 35 USC Section 112, second paragraph, as well as 35 USC Section 101, on the basis that the preamble of the claim is indefinite, and further with respect to the rejection under 35 USC Section 101, fails to set forth any method steps and merely states a use. Each of the claims has been amended to include active method steps rather than the use of passive expression, which does not convey any method activity. Applicants

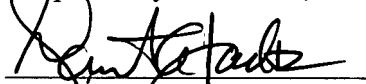
believe that these amendments to the claims should obviate the grounds of rejection, as affirmative steps are recited and, accordingly, withdrawal of the grounds of rejection under both 35 USC Section 112 and 35 USC Section 101 are believed to be in order and are requested.

Lastly, applicants have conformed the claims of the application by the amendment of the preambulatory statement that has been in CAPITAL LETTERS, to an initial capitalization. This particular amendment is purely formal and adds no new matter to the application and claims as filed. Accordingly, entry and favorable consideration thereof is requested.

Applicants acknowledge that the present application is in condition for allowance subject to the satisfactory attention to the objections and rejections raised by the Examiner. Applicants believe that the foregoing amendments and the present response favorably address all of the issues raised and that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, early passage of the present application to issue is now believed to be in order and is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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ENCLOSURES: Request for Three (3) Month Extension of Time  
Proposed Replacement Drawings (6 sheets)